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SUBJ: IRANIAN MANPOWER DELEGATION VISITS PHILIPPINES

BEGIN SUMMARY: IRANIAN MANPOWER DELEGATION ON ASIAN
SWING HOPES TO RECRUIT SOME 7,000 FILIPINO SKILLED AND
PROFESSIONAL WORKERS. INITIAL SHOPPING LIST IS FOR 4,000
IN SUCH FIELDS AS ENGINEERING, MEDICAL SERVICES, ARCHI-
TECTURE, AGRICULTURE AND CONSTRUCTION. LABOR SECRETARY
OPLE HAS ASSURED IRANIANS OF PHILIPPINES' WILLINGNESS
ASSIST IN IRAN'S MANPOWER NEEDS, ESPECIALLY WHERE NEEDED
SKILLS IN SURPLUS LABOR CATEGORY. GOP REMAINS ANXIOUS TO
EXPORT SURPLUS MANPOWER, AND THIS WILL BE FIRST MAJOR
TEST FOR NEWLY- CREATED OEDB. END SUMMARY.

1. SEVEN-MAN IRANIAN MANPOWER DELEGATION HEADED BY
DEPUTY LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DR. FEIDOUN
NASSERI VISITED MANILA JANUARY 13-16 TO DISCUSS EVENTUAL
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RECRUITMENT SOME 7,000 FILIPINO SKILLED AND PROFESSIONAL

WORKERS. DELEGATION HAD REPORTEDLY PREVIOUSLY VISITED UNITED KINGDOM AND WEST GERMANY BEFORE STARTING ASIAN SWING COVERING SOUTH KOREA, PHILIPPINES AND INDIA. NASSERI DISCLOSED THAT HIS NATION'S RAPIDLY EXPANDING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ARE GENERATING PROJECTED FOREIGN MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS APPROACHING 700,000. IRAN WAS IN CRITICAL NEED OF 80,000 INCLUDING 2,000 MEDICAL WORKERS, 16,000 ENGINEERS, AND 42,000 TECHNICIANS. IN ASIAN, SAID NASSERI, IRAN IS TURNING TO SUCH MANPOWER-RICH NATIONS AS THE PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, AND INDIA.

2. LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE AND OEDB (OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT BOARD) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALVADOR BIGAY BRIEFED LABATT AS FOLLOWS JANUARY 16: INITIAL IRANIAN SHOPPING LIST WAS FOR 4,000 FILIPINOS IN SUCH FIELDS AS ENGINEERING, MEDICAL SERVICES (INCLUDING SOMEWHAT EXOTIC REQUEST FOR 20 BRAIN SURGEONS), ARCHITECTURE, AGRICULTURE, AND CONSTRUCTION. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO BE SIGNED JANUARY 16. IRANIAN EMPLOYERS WILL FOLLOW-UP THROUGH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH OEDB AND FINAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LABOR AGREEMENT EXPECTED BE CONCLUDED WITHIN 6 MONTHS. OPLE HAD ASSURED IRANIANS OF PHILIPPINES' WILLINGNESS ASSIST IN SUPPLYING MANPOWER NEEDS, ESPECIALLY WHERE NEEDED SKILLS IN SURPLUS LABOR CATEGORY (SUCH AS NURSES, CIVIL ENGINEERS, AND ARCHITECTS). HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT DUE TO EXISTING SHORTAGES OF DOCTORS, AGRICULTURAL TECHNICIANS, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, THERE WAS GROWING GOVERNMENT PRESSURE TO CONSERVE THESE HUMAN RESOURCES.

3. COMMENT: GOP REMAIN ANXIOUS TO EXPORT SURPLUS MANPOWER. NEED TO PROMOTE AND COORDINATE THIS ACTIVITY THROUGH GOVERNMENT -TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS PROMPTED CREATION OF OEDB ON NOVEMBER 1, 1974, UNDER NEW LABOR CODE. THIS WILL BE FIRST MAJOR TEST OF OEDB'S EFFECTIVENESS. IRANIANS HAVE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH SOME 2,000 FILIPINOS ALREADY WORKING IN IRAN IN CONSTRUCTION, AERONAUTICAL, AND SHIP-BUILDING FIELDS. IN CASE OF LATTER CATEGORY, SHIP REPAIR FACILITY AT OUR SUBIC NAVAL BASE ALREADY FEELING PINCH WITH RESPECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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